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	23.	4,714,469	Kenna	12/22/87
	24.	4,736,738	Lipovsek et al.	4/12/88
	25.	4,743,256	Brantigan	5/10/88
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	42.	5,147,402	Bohler et al.	9/15/92
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	49.	5,236,460	Barber	8/17/93
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	57.	5,314,478	Oka, et al.	5/24/94
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	59.	5,336,223	Rogers	8/9/94
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	87.	5,593,409	Michelson	1/14/97
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	93.	5,653,761	Pisharodi	8/5/97
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	95.	5,658,336	Pisharodi	8/19/97
	96.	5,658,337	Kohrs et al.	8/19/97
	97.	5,665,089	Dall, et al.	9/9/97
	98.	5,665,119	Koller	9/9/97
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	113.	5,749,916	Richelsoph	5/12/98
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	117.	5,772,661	Michelson	6/30/98
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	294.	6,863,673	Gerbec, et al.	3/8/05
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